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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. SUMMARY: OCTOBER 10 LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S

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VISIT STILL FRONT-PAGE, ALTHOUGH EQUAL PROMINENCE GIVE TO

YESTERDAY'S ATTEMPTS BY ISRAELI SETTLERS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES NEAR NABLUS AND JERICHO. AD-DUSTOUR BANNER HEADLINES: "KISSINGER IN CAIRO CONFIRMS US COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING PEACE". AR-RAYY RESERVES BANNER HEADLINE FOR ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ATTEMPT, GIVING KISSINGER VISIT MIDDLE OF PAGE: "SADAT MEETS WITH KISSINGER; VAGUENESS SURROUNDS NATURE OF COMING TALKS." VIRTUALLY ALL EDITORIAL COMMENT IN ALL DAILIES DEVOTED TO VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL AMMAN DAILIES GIVE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL ACCOUNTS OF SECRETARY'S STAY IN CAIRO. PAPERS NOTE THAT HIGH-LEVEL NATURE OF DELEGATION SEEING SECRETARY OFF IN WASHINGTON SUGGESTS IMPORTANCE THAT US ATTACHES TO MISSION. KISSINGER DEPARTURE STATEMENT QUOTED. "HOWEVER," SAYS AD-DUSTOUR, "OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT TO CAIRO HAS CHANGED, BECAUSE EGYPT HAS BEGUN TO ATTACK THE US DUE TO THE FACT THAT AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC AID IN EGYPT HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED TO THE DEGREE EXPECTED. EGYPT RECEIVED ONLY 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT OUT OF ONE MILLION PROMISED. IN THE POLITICAL ARENA, EGYPT WANTS A NEW MILITARY WITHDRAWAL, COMBINED WITH NEW GUARANTEES FOR SYRIA, BUT ISRAEL WANTS TO COMBINE POLITICAL AND MILITARY MATTERS....ALL SPECULATION CENTERS ON TWO POSSIBILITIES: SEPARATION OF FORCES ON THE JORDANIAN FRONT, OR ANOTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL CONCERNING SINAI....DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA FOCUSES ATTENTION ON THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM, SINCE SAUDI IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN THAT CITY AND CAN PUT PRESSURE ON THE US THROUGH HER OIL." "HIGH-RANKING US OFFICIAL" QUOTED AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY MIGHT RETURN TO CAIRO SUNDAY EVENING.

3. AD-DUSTOUR HAS TWO EDITORIALS RELATED TO SECRETARY'S VISIT. ONE CRITICIZES "ISRAELI STUBBORNNESS" IN RABIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT PULL BACK TO 1967 LINES, AT SAME TIME OFFERING "SOME GRANTS OF OCCUPIED ARAB LAND AS THE PRICE OF PEACE. RABIN'S STATEMENTS ARE NOT ONLY MEANT FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION; HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS. YET RABIN AND WASHINGTON MUST REMEMBER THAT THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO TOTAL WITHDRAWAL IS WAR....NO ONE CAN BELIEVE FOR A MINUTE THAT ISRAEL COULD REMAIN STUBBORN IN THE FACE OF FIRM AMERICAN DETERMINATION TO MAKE HER END HER OCCUPATION OF ARAB LAND. THE ARAB COUNTRIES MUST THEREFORE UNCLASSIFIED

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MAINTAIN THEIR COORDINATION SO AS NOT TO GIVE AMERICA AN EXCUSE FOR ABANDONING HER RESPONSIBILITIES." OTHER AD-DUSTOUR EDITORIAL: "WITH THE RESUMPTION OF KISSINGER'S TOUR, WE MUST ASK HIM FIRST WHY HE IS MAKING THIS TRIP. HE STATED IN WASHINGTON THAT HE IS CARRYING NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO SOLVE THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. THIS KIND OF STATEMENT WAS ACCEPTABLE A YEAR AGO, BEFORE HE ARRANGED THE SEPARATION OF FORCES IN SINAI AND GOLAN, BUT IT IS STRANGE THAT HE SHOULD COME NOW WITH NO

INTENTION OF EFFECTING A SIMILAR SEPARATION ON THE JORDANIAN FRONT. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE US PROMISED KING HUSSEIN A SEPARATION ON OUR FRONT, JUST AS IT PROMISED EGYPT AND SYRIA. LONDON NEWSPAPERS SAID THAT RABIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON CANCELLED ALL US PROMISES GIVEN TO THE ARABS CONCERNING FURTHER STEPS IN SINAI, GOLAN, AND THE JORDANIAN FRONT. UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, RABIN SAID, 'IN EXCHANGE FOR A STATE OF NON-BELLIGERANCY, ISRAEL WILL GRANT THE ARABS LESS LANDS THAN WOULD BE GRANTED FOR PEACE.' ISRAEL GRANTS LANDS' THIS TERM INDICATES THAT RABIN'S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON HAS WIPE OUT ALL US PROMISES TO THE ARABS. THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES HAS BECOME A GRANT TO BE OFFERED TO THE ARABS IN EXCHANGE FOR ABANDONING THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS UNDER SC RES 242."

4. GOJ-SPONSORED AR-RAYY ACCUSES ISRAELIS OF FABRICATING INTERNAL DISPUTES AS SMOKE SCREEN TO BLOCK USEFUL NEGOTIATIONS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. AL-URDON WRITES, "KISSINGER IS COMING TO THE AREA AMIDST INDICATIONS THAT THE SITUATION IS RETURNING TO ITS PREVIOUS STALEMATED POSITION. DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE ARE CONVINCED OF HIS ABILITY TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS, THE CONTRADICTION ONLY DARKEN THE WAY IS OUT OF THE U.S. ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ATTEMPTS, WILL NOT DEATH THE ECONOMIC SIDE, ACTION # WHICH CAN BE RELAXED BY AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO ADHERE TO PRINCIPLES OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT." PICKERING

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